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Romulus parents met to discuss school financing changes recently. Pictured here are: first row, left to right: Tammy Garrison, Lazonja Smith, Shari Stewart, Monika Reynolds, Ronda Luttmann and Camilla Williams. In the second row, left to right are: Tracy Eddinas, Lakesha Allen, Shawn Hill, Bruce Green, Joanne Littler, Theresa Beard and Debbie Orr.

## Parents ponder school funding

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

When Tammy Garrison packs her five children up to attend Romulus Schools, she said she satisfied with the level of learning they achieve in the classroom.

"We love Romulus Schools," she said, "but sometimes I wonder about our schools and how they are financed. I've hear other districts get more money, and it doesn't seem fair, but I'm still learning about how funding works."

Garrison and 13 other parents with children in Romulus Schools recently participated in a meeting with district officials about funding. The group may back an initiative by the Tri-County Alliance for Education, a group of 87 school districts from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties that have devised a proposal to overhaul the way school funding works. The group intends to take the issue to the state legislature – but if the vote is not taken or the issue is defeated, they will conduct a statewide petition drive to get the proposal on the November 2006 ballot, Romulus school officials said.

The group has proposed an increase in funding beyond the conventional \$6,700 per-pupil

allowance at the rate of 5 percent – or the rate of inflation, whichever is higher – each year. The group surmises this will help districts keep up with the escalating costs of teaching. Schools have gone three years without a funding increase because of a sluggish economy and looming state deficits.

The state provides about \$8,300 per student to the 4,300-student district because of a hold-harmless clause when Proposal A was put into place, said Joel Carr, Romulus superintendent of schools. He added that the schools could face a difficult task when they go to create a budget next year. "Our cost increases just for health care and pensions for the next year would be over \$150 per student," he said. "We just cannot make out under the current annual budget allocation process in Michigan. We will definitely need structural change to avoid future state-wide cuts in education programs and services."

Reports from the Jan. 13 conference of the State Revenue Estimating Conference indicated that school districts could receive anywhere from \$34 to \$200 in per-pupil funding increases next year. However, they also noted that for those increases to occur, the legisla-

ture would have to vote to subsidize the school aid fund by \$272 million. The state is expecting a \$1 billion debt next year, according to state figures.

Dr. Kathleen Booher, the director of the Tri-County Alliance for Education and former superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools, was unreachable for comment for this story. Martin Ackley, a spokesman for the Michigan Department of Education, also did not return calls seeking comment.

Shawn Hill, who moved to Romulus last year and has two children in the district, said he's still deciding whether he would back any funding increases, but said he wants to learn more.

"I've only been here year, but from what I can tell, the schools are solid," he said. But it makes you think 'What if there was more money for things like music or a new basketball court?' It would be better with more funding."

Carr said he's pleased to see parents involved. "Our Romulus parents have shown excellent grassroots support for adequate educational funding and attended both the initial meeting in Dearborn and a Romulus meeting in January. They are ready to take citizen actions during the legislative process."

## City unemployment increases by .3 percent

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The Romulus unemployment rate jumped .3 percent from last year to 6.6 percent, or 725 unemployed individuals, in December.

That rate is considerably less than that of Wayne County which reported 8.8 percent in the same period, said Yashai Castro, an economic analyst with the Michigan Department of Labor, but also shows a slight increase from the previous year.

"Looking at the numbers year-by-year is the best indicator of what's happening in a community in terms of unemployment levels," he said.

The increase comes despite an effort to bring new, small business to the community. Romulus Councilman Mike Prybla said he's not happy about the level of unemployment in the city, but that the problem is essentially at the state level.

"We've done a good job bringing in small businesses, and they're hiring people," he said. "We haven't had anyone leave us in quite some time. I think this is a tax problem for the state – we see that now because Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm has a pro-

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**Mike Prybla**

posal for fixing the small business tax. It's difficult because we pay sales tax and all of these other taxes. But I don't think we're doing anything to cause unemployment here."

Last week, Granholm unveiled a new plan to help attract new small businesses. The plan includes reducing the state Single Business Tax from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent. It also reduces a business' dependency on the amount of property they own at the time of the assessment by basing the tax entirely on sales of goods and services, according to the plan.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the tax cuts are good, but the projects that are coming will provide for

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## Public housing spared in latest round of cuts

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Recent announcements of additional cuts in available funds for public housing will not affect the 100 families living in Romulus because city does not take part in the Section 8 program.

Romulus Public Housing endured funding cuts in 2003, 2004, but Chris Anderson, the director of housing for the city, said no cuts beyond what occurred earlier this year are expected.

"We haven't heard anything more, which is good news," she said. "We're not part of the housing systems in the state that will be cut, so our residents are safe."

Section 8 – which is funded by the U.S. Department of Urban Development – is the program which will endure an additional 4 percent funding cut. The program consists of "vouchers" that are awarded in specific dollar amounts to low income families. That money is then applied to rent – and recipients are asked to make up the difference between

the cost of living and the voucher. Under federal cuts announced last week, the amount of funding allocated to providing vouchers will be reduced – which means fewer vouchers will be provided to needy residents, according to information released by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Though the Romulus public housing community, which is a group of duplexes located east of Wayne Road and west of Merriman Road, will only see a slight budget cut when other housing authorities are taking massive cuts, Anderson said she doesn't expect the number of applications to spike.

There are 100 available units for people seeking government-subsidized housing in Romulus, according to Anderson.

Currently, the area is undergoing a facelift to provide more attractive and user-friendly homes to applicants, she said. Although there are openings, Anderson said the number applicants far exceeds the number of openings, and there is a waiting list.

## Dog wedding to help fund animal shelter

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

You could say that romance is going to the dogs.

Two Romulus Yorkshire Terriers – Sophie and Gizmo – are scheduled to take wedding vows on Feb. 19 at the Romulus Senior Center on Shook Road. The affair

will benefit the ongoing effort to build a new Romulus Animal Shelter.

Linda Norman, the director of the senior center, said the event has created a lot of buzz in the community.

"People are talking about this more and more," she said "It's a great way for animals to help other

animals. It's also a great way to bring animals to senior citizens."

The yorkies – both of whom room with Norman – met several months ago and had a very short engagement. During the ceremony, the bride and groom will wear doggie fashions created by Lynn

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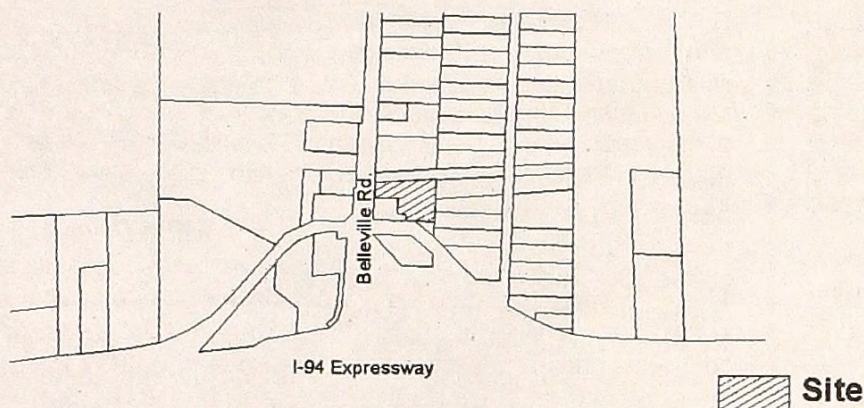
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday February 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V-125-83-059-01-0011-002. This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between I94 Service Drive and Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a drive through window per Section 13.03 (e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

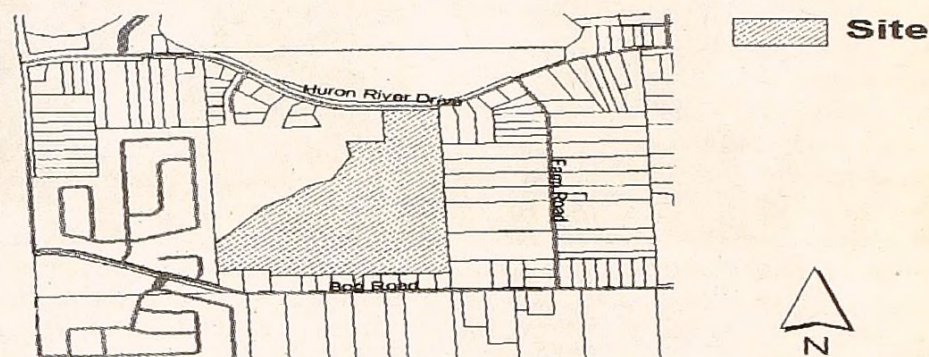
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-118-99-0007-712 approximately 40.93 acres is located on the south side of West Huron River Drive East of Rawsonville Road and West of Farm Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) per Section 7.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2005, the hearing date.

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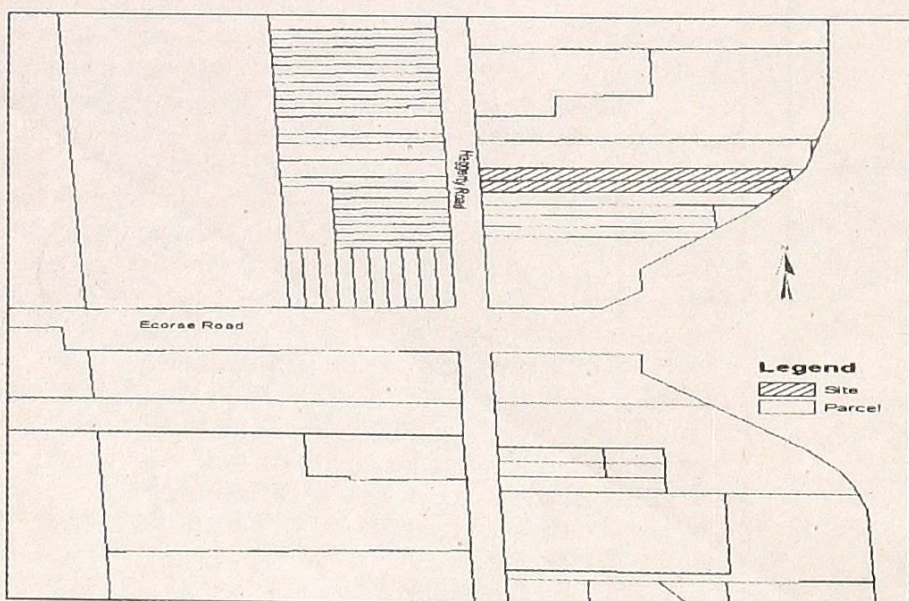
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-003-99-0013-000 & V125-83-003-99-0012-000 approximately 4.46 acres is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Ecorse Road and Van Born Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a recreational vehicle storage yards, subject to the provisions of Section 4.27 for open air business/use per Section 15.03 (c) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2005, the hearing date.

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**1954 PA 188 Proceedings  
Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing  
Charter Township of Van Buren  
Wayne County, Michigan**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Mission Pointe Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Mission Pointe Subdivision, Lots 1-156 inclusive.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 47 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$12,991.80. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on February 15, 2005.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

\*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie Payne  
Township Clerk

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# Students rewarded for 'learning to give'

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Students from Romulus Schools stepped up in a big way recently through the district "Learning to Give" program. Students collected mittens and gloves for needy people and gathered money to help victims of the tsunami disaster in Asia.

Tom Dolan, the Romulus schools curriculum director, is a member of the State "Learning to Give" Steering Committee and is involved with the Connect Michigan Alliance, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's organization that encourages community service programs. Dolan has had each teacher include two lessons on "Learning to Give" and/or "Service Learning" in his/her class curriculum for Romulus students this year.

"Our students learn a lot about other people in their situa-

tions in life when they work on service learning projects and they also learn that helping others can make them feel really good about themselves," he said. "We are proud of our "Learning to Give" classroom units and all the benefits they have brought to the common good of the community."

Students in Heather Doane's third grade class at Merriman Elementary took part in the Helping Hand hat, mitten and glove drive this year. Students in Mary Sneath's fifth grade class collected \$612 to help needy Romulus families, and the combined Merriman/Barth "Health and Hygiene" donation program netted more than 500 items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, etc. All proceeds were donated to the Help Hand Center.

Students at Wick Elementary made a special presentation



These Wick Elementary School students made presentations to the Romulus Board of Education about their "Learning to Give" experiences. Left to right are: Marissa Eldridge, Rachel Funderburg, Micah Lewis, John Adams, Samantha Eddings, Alfonzo Smith and Nicholas Grantham. In the second row, left to right are: Brenna Wade, Lauren Hall, Christopher Hampton, Jada Rachel, Akizhane Wilson, Jordan Wright and Jillian Camilleri. In row three are, left to right: Jamal Kent, Elexus Lee, Kaylan Robb, Cierra Baxter, Principal Debbie Juriga, Diamond Chandler, and Nick Tripp.

recently to the Romulus Schools Board of Education about their "Learning to Give" programs. They included a school-wide Hurricane Relief effort led by first grade teacher Julie Forth's class that raised more than

\$1400, and a "Bracelets for Mott's Children's Hospital" program led by kindergarten teacher Marilyn Wood's class and supported by the student council that raised more than \$800.

Principal Debbie Juriga had

students from each class explain what they learned from their "Learning to Give" projects at the board of education meeting. "It was really great to see so much support for our students," said Juriga.

## Calendar of events

### Legislator sets coffee talk

State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood will host two more "Coffee Talk" sessions with residents in the district who would like to share their concerns. The sessions are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14, at the Romulus House Restaurant at 9110 South Wayne Road in Romulus, and Monday, Feb. 28, at the Downriver Council for the Arts at 20904 Northline Road in Taylor. Each session will continue from 4-6 p.m. For more information, call (517) 373-0852.

### Library seeks used books

The friends of the Romulus Library are asking members of the community to remember them when it comes time to discard old books this winter. The Spring Book Sale is tentatively scheduled for April, and the Friends are accepting all donations of used books, CDs and DVDs. All money is used to purchase needed items for the library. For more information, call the

Romulus Library at (734) 942-7589.

### Wine tasting, auction planned

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host the 6th Annual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting event at the Doubletree Hotel in Romulus Feb. 11. The proceeds from the event will benefit chamber activities. Tickets are \$35 per person, or \$240 for a table of eight. The Doubletree Hotel is located at 31500 Wick Road. For more information, please call (734) 326-4290.

### Library book sale Saturday

The Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville will host a used book sale from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Hardcover books will be on sale for \$1, paperbacks and children's hardcovers for \$.50 and romance novels and children's paperbacks for \$.25. For more information, contact the library at 734-699-3291.

# Seniors break bread at church

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

January may seem a bit late (or early) for a Thanksgiving feast, but residents of nine area nursing homes have been enjoying the banquet at this time of the year for more than 31 years.

The First United Methodist Church in Belleville has served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in January to help brighten the lives of nursing home residents throughout the area.

This year was no exception. Last weekend, about 130 nursing home residents and caregivers from all over southeastern Michigan were transported to the church to attend the 31st Annual Thanksgiving Banquet. The feast

included more than 10 turkeys, homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, desserts and breads. The ladies of the First United Methodist Church prepared the free meal, just like they do every year, according to Church Secretary Cathy Cameron.

To some people, a Thanksgiving dinner served in January may seem a little odd, but not to the church members. The traditional harvest was created to give thanks to all the wonderful people, said Cameron.

"This time of year can get pretty gloomy for residents of a nursing home, so we have it now to let them know how great they are and that we can help them," she said.

The dinner was started by the

Rev. Roger Arnett and the Rev. Edward Hoff. When Hoff died, the mission was passed down to Tom Hazen, minister to the handicapped and infirmed elderly at the church.

Now, Hazen visits about 27 nursing homes throughout Michigan.

After the banquet, everyone enjoyed entertainment by Joyful Noise, a group of musicians from the First United Methodist Church; the All Stars Choir; a children's choir from the church; Eri and Emi Iwoa, violinists from Belleville; and a sing-along with resident Gwenyth Ashe.

"We have no intention of stopping this banquet. We want to keep doing this well into the future," added Cameron.

## Jobs

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jobs for Romulus residents and other people living in Southeast Michigan.

"We've been busy for years trying to get business here. They will provide the jobs we need in this area," he said. "There's going to be a meeting of the Economic Development Corp. next week, and it looks like something is going to happen with the Pinnacle project. We also have a lot of construction jobs for the 1,500 homes that are under construction. There's also a new recreation center - we're going to

have to hire people for that."

The multi-million Pinnacle Aeropark is a mixed-use commercial and industrial project that has been in the planning stages for about five years. Hotels, stores, a golf course and a high-tech industrial park could be part of the development. The project, if built, will be situated on about 1,000 acres near Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The project could bring thousands of jobs to the city, Lambert said.

The agreement with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Magna Entertainment for a casino and racetrack, respectively, will generate another 5,000 jobs, according to city records.

## Love

FROM PAGE 1

Conway. Mayor Alan Lambert will officiate.

Humor aside, the wedding hopefully will bring attention the need for an improved animal shelter to help cats and dogs, said Norman.

"It made sense to have the proceeds go to the animal shelter, and it was a creative way to have a benefit that would help that cause," she said.

The effort to build a new animal shelter was spearheaded by Councilman William Wadsworth, who sent letters and has headed fundraising efforts to build a new shelter. The current structure, located on Goddard Road, is



Sophie



Gizmo

about 70 years old, and has several problems that are too expensive to fix. It is also too small for the city's needs, said Wadsworth.

So far, the effort has brought in about \$160,000 and numerous offers of free labor and equipment, according to Kathy Trent, a spokeswoman for the city. Wadsworth's estimates indicate that a new shelter - with several cages so the city can keep animals longer - will cost

anywhere from \$300,000 to \$450,000 to build. Currently, animals that stay at the shelter for more than two week are euthanized.

Norman said she's happy to see so much interest in the Feb. 19 doggie wedding.

For tickets, a person must make a donation in any dollar amount to the animal shelter. For more information, call the senior center at (734) 955-1420.

## Clarification

The story "Longtime councilwoman to challenge mayor" (*The Romulus Roman*, Jan. 27) identified Debbie Romak as

the current mayor pro-tem. In fact, councilman Randolph Gear is the mayor pro-tem. Romak served as mayor pro-

tem only during Gear's military deployment last year. *The Romulus Roman* regrets the error.



# Church collecting valentines for senior citizens

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Not everyone has a special someone with whom to share Valentine's Day, but the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville has plans to change that.

For the third year, the church will collect both homemade and store-bought Valentines Day cards for residents of the Willow

Creek Assisted Living, located at 44401 South I-94 Service Drive in Belleville.

While Trinity Episcopal Church hosts a Sunday mass at Willow Creek, Linda Maton, organizer of the event, said the Valentine's Day card box is something special they like to do for the holiday.

"Some of them don't have family anymore so for the residents

to get something like this, I think they really appreciate it," she said. "It's something that they really enjoy."

Last year, the church collected more than 2,500 valentines through the help of the area schools, businesses, residents, churches and organizations. Some were even delivered from as far away as California, said Maton.

"The community enjoyed helping out and I think they will again this year," she said.

This year the goal, Maton said, is to collect more than 3,000 cards so that the 100 residents of Willow Creek Assisted Living can each receive a shoebox full of Valentines.

To participate, people can drop off cards signed with their first name, along with a blank

envelope to the Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. The cards must be received no later than Feb. 10 in order for church participants to stuff the bags on Feb 12.

"A lot of older people don't receive mail every day and they deserve to get unique things like this too," added Maton.

For more information, contact Linda Maton at 734-484-5033.

## 2nd Annual Belleville Relay for Life planned to aid cancer society

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life will soon take place in Belleville.

The second annual event will begin at 6 p.m. on March 2 at the Holiday Inn Express located on the I-94 Service Drive in Belleville. The public is invited to learn more about the relay and how to contribute to the 24-hour event.

The Relay For Life is dedicated to increasing awareness and generating funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends and co-workers camp out for 24 hours and take turns walking the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times as a reminder that cancer never sleeps, according to Renay Weiss-Stansell, community development director for the American Cancer Society.

"Relay for Life brings together cancer survivors, caregivers, families and friends to celebrate life while honoring those who have lost their cancer battle," she said. "It is truly inspiring to witness the teamwork and effort that Belleville area residents put into making relay such a success."

This year, the event will celebrate 20 years of hope. It first took place in Tacoma, Wash. when founder—Dr. Gordy Klatt—decided to run for 24-hours at his local high school track. Today, more than 4,000 communities across America host a Relay for Life, and so far, it has generated more than \$1 billion for the fight against cancer. As the most successful not-for-profit event in America, Weiss-Stansell said the relay provides a platform for raising cancer awareness and connecting communities to the programs and services of the American Cancer Society.

The event will include entertainment, family activities, an inspiring Victory Lap by survivors and a luminaria ceremony at dusk to remember those that have faced cancer, added Weiss-Stansell.

Donations for the relay can also be made online. It is used as a fundraising tool as well as a means of raising awareness regarding types of cancer and information about programs and services offered by the American Cancer society.

The event will take place from 10 a.m.

until 10 a.m. on May 21 at Belleville High School. For more information, contact

Weiss-Stansell at 248-483-4359, or at [renay.weiss@cancer.org](mailto:renay.weiss@cancer.org)

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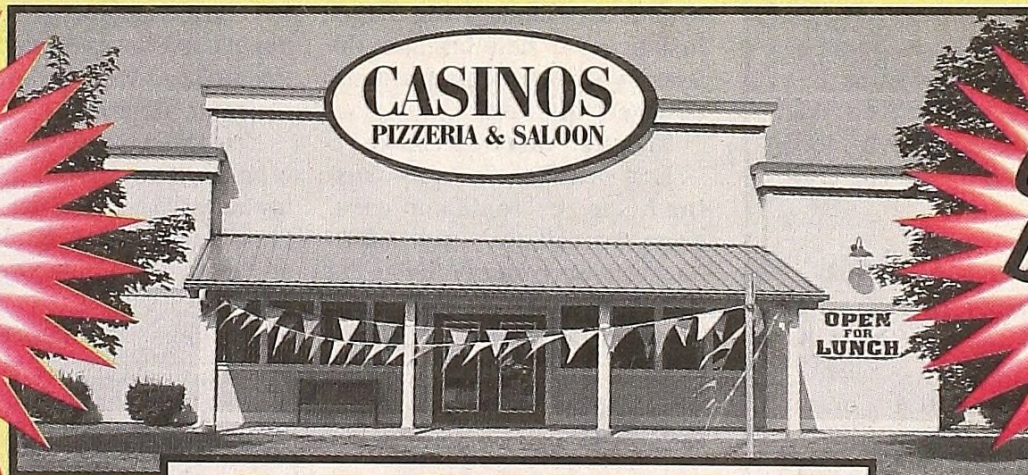
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OPINION

Lead by example

The results of the Iraqi election won't be in, probably, for another week, but they have already shown one thing: the people there take the duty very seriously.

Estimates have shown that about 60 percent of the populace got out to vote in the first election in more than five decades. These are people who took a major risk in doing so. The death threats against them were well-publicized. Often, there were sounds of gunfire and other conflict in the background. Roads were blocked, too – they had to visit polling places on foot, after walking several miles in many cases, and stand in the open to cast their votes.

Yet stand they did, wait they did, even though they knew the threats against them were not mere lip service, but real.

In a way, it's inspiring.

Ask any local clerk here, and they will most likely lament low voter turnout. It's strange that what many consider one of our most sacred rights – the type of institution we're trying to promote in other parts of the world, often at the cost of human lives – is one that relatively few of us take part in.

Think about it. We tend to congratulate ourselves when we get 20 percent of registered voters out to the polls, even though we face nowhere near the obstacles of voters in Iraq. We can drive there, we can mail them in. If we have to wait in line, it's most likely in an air-conditioned or heated room or hallway. And bullets and death threats? Well, fortunately, politics in these parts isn't anywhere near that dangerous.

Granted, the outcome of the election – as well as the lasting impact of it, and the general ability for Iraqi people to vote – won't be known right away. It may take years of observation to determine if the process helps bring about a more peaceful region. In the meantime, though, we can learn a lot from the people who take such risks in order to face down terror and perform their civic duty.

And we should be willing to lead by example.

Drowned in bureaucracy

The recent fiasco involving the proposed huge spike in water rates in Northville provides another example of why suburban municipalities deserve a stronger voice on the Detroit Water and Sewer Board (DWSB).

For those not familiar with the situation, the DWSB sent the city notification recently that their water rates would increase 43 percent this year.

Even those familiar with the way the rates are set (and there are few who are) will admit to some confusion as to the process. The most they're able to tell is that it's a combination of a number of factors: distance from the main pumping plant, elevation of the community, average usage and usage during peak times.

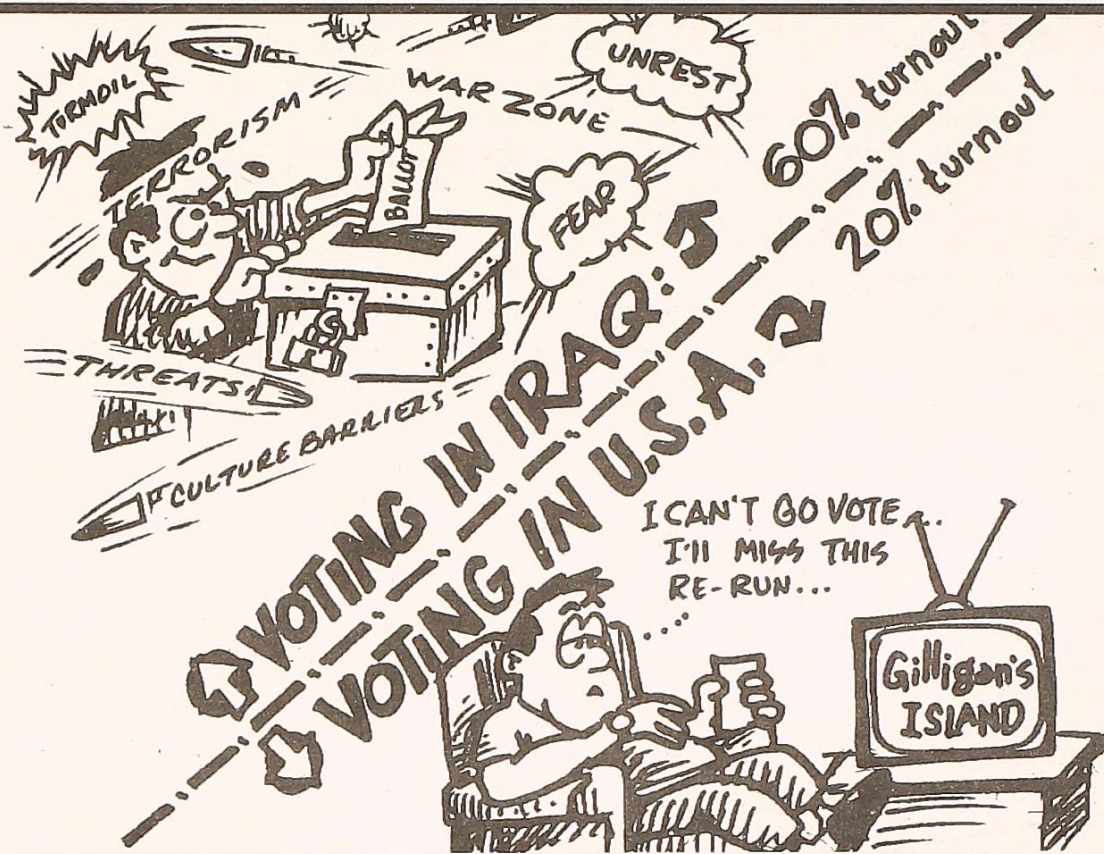
It's the last bit that got the city into trouble, in a sense. The day that the DWSB used to calculate the peak usage just happened to be the day the city filled its main water reservoir. That wasn't the fault of the city either – anyone could tell you that the best time to fill up such a huge storage tank is not during the prime part of the morning, when most of us are up and getting ready to go to work. They had, in fact, tried to fill the reservoir during the middle of the night when usage was at its lowest, but could not get any water out of the system.

The city appealed the decision, of course, and the DWSB concurred, in part. They offered to only increase the rates by about 19 percent.

Gee, thanks.

It's obvious that this will be an ongoing problem. The suburbs use more of the water than the city itself, after all, and there isn't too many alternatives when it comes to providers. Rate increases will always be

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Here's a rave review

Anyone who hasn't had a chance yet to check out the remodeled State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue should pencil it in on their calendar – it's certainly worth the trip.

The theater re-opened last week after a two-month renovation project that brought a new concession stand, new lighting and safety features, a re-tiled lobby and recarpeted hallways. Best of all, the drab wallpaper that 'graced' the main inside hallway was torn down and replaced with several murals, each separated by a painting of the theater marquis.

The murals themselves are worth the price of admission at the theater. Painted by Mark Barrera, K.D. Foglebach and Barney Judge, they do a remarkable job of bringing life to the once-dim hallway. With vibrant colors, joyous expressions and intricate detail, each of the scenes does more than simply illustrate a genre of film or theater; they draw you in, seemingly almost to come alive.

I knew that the project was going to be a good one, in part because my recent experience

has taught me that when they do things in the City of Wayne, they tend to do it right. There's always the option to scrimp and save as much as possible on big projects – and city officials have done a good job in watching costs – but when it comes to something as important as the theater is to the city, it's best to

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make is as top notch as possible.

Strangely, I started to get really excited about the project when they installed the new exterior doors a few weeks back. I know, I know. Doors? What's so exciting about doors? Well, the old ones were ugly, for one thing – they brought down the whole image of the historic

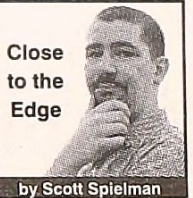
building – and they're the first impression people get when they walk into the theater – or pass it by.

The new doors, bright shiny stainless steel, capture the glitz of the theater marquis and accentuate the shine for this city jewel. They're a stark contrast to what was there before, showing all that the city put a shining face on an old classic.

The theater is an important part of the city, an important part of downtown – and it could be an important part of ongoing revitalization projects. It's unusual for a city to take ownership of an attraction like that – the city has owned it for going on 14 years, now – but it was a solid decision then and renovating it to bring back its luster was a solid decision, too.

Second-run movie houses are slowly becoming a thing of the past. It's too bad, because they're an important option for family entertainment. Fortunately, the tradition is alive and well here in Wayne, where we have the best of the bunch.

Kudos to everyone involved.



Close to the Edge  
by Scott Spielman

You only get are pair of feet

By tracking all over Michigan in the WalkingWorks fitness walks, I've realized that foot care is part of a satisfying life which includes independence and mobility.

Problems with our feet can be the first sign of more serious medical conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, and nerve and circulatory disorders. Foot ailments can make it difficult if not impossible to work or participate in daily activities that help keep us active and healthy. But we often forget to take care of our feet.

To keep your feet healthy, here are just a few of the many

things you can do:

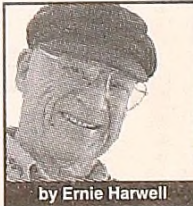
- Stay mobile by planning your physical activity program with your doctor
- Wash your feet every day
- Wear shoes and socks at all times
- Protect your feet from hot and cold by wearing shoes while at the beach or walking on hot pavement
- Wear comfortable shoes that fit well

Take care of your feet - unlike shoes, you only get one pair.

And take care of yourself before your health is lnnnnnnnggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the

Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 87, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

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# Park name honors community leader

During the holidays, all our local communities were festively decorated as residents celebrated the holidays and the spirit of giving.

Goudy Park in Wayne, where creatively decorated trees represented numerous families and organizations, was a focal point of the season. In fact, year round Goudy Park is a busy place hosting concerts, the Wheelfest, parades and offering a beautiful, quiet environment in which to have lunch and take a peaceful break from the rush of daily life.

For most people, the Goudy Park name brings to mind Henry "Hank" Goudy, who was an institution with the Wayne Fire Department for many years. For newer residents who didn't know Hank, it is just a question mark given little, if any, thought.

Actually the park was named for Hank's father, Charles Goudy. In a city like Wayne, where history has been centered around community values, someone like Charles Goudy exemplifies those values. Charles Goudy was a man of many interests and skills and led an exceptionally varied work life. He certainly occupied a special niche in Wayne history. He worked, starting in 1895, as a section foreman on the Michigan Central Railroad for 19 years, owned a coal and lumber business, did "teaming" and held more job titles in the Village of Wayne than has any other person. He

was Wayne Village Fire Chief, Wayne Village Town Marshall, Superintendent of Public Works, Village Plumbing Inspector, Wayne Village Water Commissioner, Wayne Village Sewer Commissioner—a job he still held at the time of his death in 1938. He supervised installation of both the first water main and the first sanitary sewer in the Village.

In addition to his "on-the-clock" hours at work, he found time to be a devoted family man and a man of generosity and vision. *The Wayne Review* reported in February, 1912, that Charles Goudy invited all of the first and second graders in Wayne, and their teachers—about 70 in all—on a sleigh ride of 4 miles each way. He treated them all to candy, oranges (a very real treat in that era), and peanuts. Many times the local newspapers reported such generosity initiated by Charles Goudy.

His vision resulted in what we today enjoy as Goudy Park. The area, then called Water Works Park, had been the village dump. Charles Goudy spent many hours cleaning the area, planting bushes and maintaining a space that could be enjoyed by citizens of the community. When he was informed by the village council that the park name was to be changed to Charles Goudy Park, his only comment was reportedly, "Hmmmph!"

Finding History



by Valerie Lutzman

## Drowned

FROM PAGE 5

met with skepticism, if not outright scorn, until the water department offers to fully open its books

and provide this mystical formula by which it sets the rates – and if representatives of the suburbs have a strong say in the process.

Contrary to popular belief, there's enough to go around, if we use it wisely.

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## Asking for help isn't easy

"Jeez, it's been crazy lately," I said to a friend I was having lunch with. "And, this morning was really stressful."

"What's going on?" she asked.

"My daughter called from LA. where someone smashed the passenger window on her new car and stole a bag off the floor. An Apple I-book and all of her personal journals were in the bag. 'I explained. 'Not a minute after I hung up with her, the phone rang and it was another problem."

"Welcome to Monday," my friend said.

"It's Tuesday," I said, and we laughed.

"Seriously, I realize that there's way too much chaos for the life I want to leave. . . wow, did you hear what I just said?"

"Yes, for the life you want to leave. You're not, ah, thinking—"

"No, no, just the opposite," I answered. "I was thinking serendipity, I love it. That slip of the tongue was exactly what I needed to pay attention to what I need to change and change fast.

"By saying leave, instead of live, I realized it was time to eliminate the chaos, or, at least break it down into bite size pieces to take one at a time."

What made my slip of the tongue fascinating is that a few days before, I'd reached a point of clarity. I was on overload. After a week or so of believing I could handle every-

thing stressing me all alone, I was battered enough to get smart.

I called my friend Eric Zonder and asked him to stop by so I could unload. Eric said he'd be over in a couple of hours.

About the same time I realized that it had been awhile that I'd read Melody Beattie's daily meditation book, "The Language Of Letting Go," something I'd done on a daily basis for years. When I opened the book to that days date, I smiled.

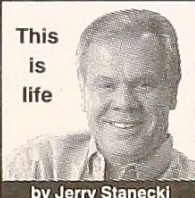
The message that day was: "Asking for help."

Serendipity, I love it.

Eric and I talked for an hour or so, and as always, the load got lighter and I felt better. It's amazing how being supported by a friend or loved one always adds the magic when you're willing to accept it.

I woke the next morning with slight anxiety and fear knocking . . . until, I opened Melody's book. The message of that day was: "Empowerment. You can think. You can make good decisions. You can make choices that are right for you," she writes. I started feeling better.

What better time of year than now, to make a decision to give yourself a break and accept that you are not superhuman. Accept and believe that you don't have to be all, to all, and can indeed ask for a little help from your friends.



by Jerry Stanecki

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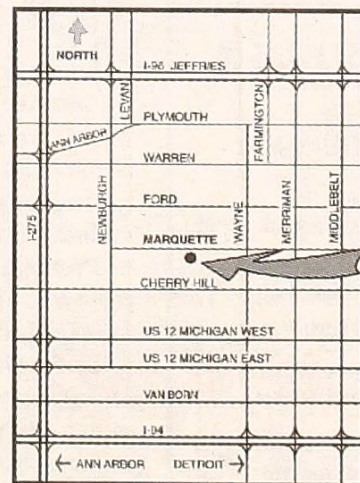
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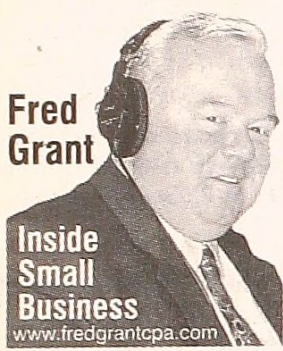
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# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

## Check out the tax breaks for supporting older relatives



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If you helped support your parents or other adult relatives in 2004, check out the tax breaks that could lower your taxes. Possible benefits

include claiming your relative as a dependent, generating extra medical deductions, and being taxed at lower rates.

First, determine if the relative qualifies as your dependent. An adult dependent's gross income must be less than the exemption amount for 2004 (\$3,100), but some income, such as social security, isn't counted for this purpose. You also must contribute more than half of your relative's support. Social security does count as support for this test. However, if you and others together provide more than half of a person's support, you can claim the exemption if the others are willing to sign a document called a "multiple support agreement." If a relative could be your dependent except for having too much income, you

still might be able to deduct any medical expenses you paid for him or her in 2004. To do so, you must pay the bills directly as part of the individual's support, and your total unreimbursed medical expenses must exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income. If you're single and helping to support a parent, you may be able to file as head of household. Head of household tax rates are lower than those for single people, although higher than those for married couples filing jointly. To qualify,

you must maintain your parent's principal home, and your parent must be your dependent. The parent need not live with you, although adult dependents other than parents would have to live with you for head of household status to be available. Qualifying for these tax breaks can be tricky. Contact us for details or to find out what tax rules apply in your own situation. For more information call Fred Grant @ 734-455-1040

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### Hearing loss, the invisible and often forgotten handicap!

Many of us participate in some form of medical preventative maintenance program, either with a 6-month cleaning at the Dentist, a bi-yearly eye examination by the Optometrist or our yearly physical with the Internist. However, when was the last time you had your hearing tested by an Audiologist?



Gerald Hug MA, CCC-A  
Clinical Audiologist

What is an Audiologist anyway? I hear this question often when asked what I do for a living. Simply, an Audiologist is an individual who provides diagnostic testing and rehabilitative treatment for the hearing-impaired population. Audiologists test patient's of all ages with various etiologies of hearing loss. They are employed in hospitals, schools, government, and private clinics. All Audiologists either have a Masters or Doctoral degree in Audiology from an accredited University.

Essentially, Audiologists perform hearing screenings and diagnostic testing for patients who feel they are having difficulty hearing and understanding speech.

In 2000, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' recommends a hearing screening for everyone once every 10 years from 18 to 50 years of age, with more frequent screenings after age 50. If a hearing loss is diagnosed, a comprehensive audiological examination by an Audiologist is recommended. Follow-up audiological testing thereafter is recommended every 2-3 years. The need for this type of testing is increasingly important, because of the incidence of hearing impairment in the United States. Hearing loss is not just a problem of the elderly either. According to a 1996 report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services<sup>2</sup>, more than 28 million Americans of all ages are thought to have some degree of hearing impairment. Dr. Kochkin<sup>3</sup> also has stated that since 1994, more than 1 million "baby boomers" between the ages of 45 and 54 have acknowledged a hearing problem, which required some type of audiological management.

In a recent article by Drs. Newman and Sandridge<sup>4</sup> from the Cleveland Clinic, "Consequences of Hearing Loss" was discussed. They essentially stated, "hearing loss can seriously affect a person's quality of life". Limiting ones ability to listen in noisy situations and reducing participation in many social events that requires communicating with other people. Psychosocial effects of hearing loss also are seen through signs of withdrawal, cognitive loss, depression, social isolation, or psychosis. There are also risks of misclassification of the severity of senile dementia in elderly people with hearing loss. These are all excellent examples of why regular hearing screening or hearing testing should be performed to patients of all ages.

If you or someone you love believes you could benefit from a hearing test, I would strongly recommend that you consult with an Audiologist for purposes of obtaining a comprehensive audiological examination.

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### Understanding How BONDS Work

Bonds can satisfy a variety of investment needs, for instance, providing additional income and diversification in your portfolio. But do you know what you are buying when you purchase a bond or a bond mutual fund?



Curt Whipple  
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Governments and corporations must raise money to expand or to finance particular projects. These organizations sell bonds as a method of borrowing money. When you invest in a bond, you are lending money to its issuer. The bond is issued for a fixed period of time (maturity date) that can range from 13 weeks to 30 years. The issuer will make fixed-interest payments to you over the life of the bond, and will pay you the face value of the bond when it matures.

There are several types of bonds on the market. The most common are as follows:

- U.S. Treasury bonds The federal government sells bonds to finance its debt. They are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government and are therefore regarded as the most conservative investments available.
- Municipal bonds State and local governments might use the funds for the construction of schools, roads, and land conservation. The interest from municipal bonds is usually exempt from federal and state income tax. This tax-free status should be taken into consideration when comparing municipals to taxable investments.
- GSE Government-sponsored enterprise securities are sold by government agencies like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae. This money is used to fund loans for special borrowers such as farmers, homebuyers, and students.
- Corporate bonds companies often need money to build or improve facilities, pay off old debt, to acquire other firms, or for other expansion purposes. Interest from corporate bonds is taxable at the state and federal levels. Corporate bonds usually pay higher interest rates than government bonds because there is a chance that the company could default on the bond. High-yield bonds, also called junk bonds, are corporate bonds that are issued by companies with below-investment-grade credit ratings.

If low interest rates have your income down, bonds could help you increase your cash flow. If you would like to know which type of bonds would be best for your situation, please call curt @ (734) 844-3400.

### Covering Your Assets Part IV

We've discussed different sources of down payment money and what lenders require to verify these



Nelson Wilson  
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funds. 401K or retirement accounts are sometimes used for down payment or as a source for reserves. Typically your most recent account statement will be satisfactory. However because of the nature of these funds you should keep some things in mind.

If you are using these accounts for your down payment some plans allow you to 'cash out' a portion and other types allow you to borrow against it. Do keep copies of all the paperwork concerning the transaction. Include a copy of the check and the deposit receipt.

If you are borrowing against your 401K some lenders will include this as an additional debt. Though this may seem silly, since it is your own money, their view is that it is a monthly obligation. If you are tight on your qualifying ratios this could be an important consideration. It may affect whether you choose to 'cash out' or borrow.

Also if considering using a 401k or retirement account for down payment it is a good idea to consult with your financial planner or counselor to see if this is indeed the best choice for you considering your saving, investment and retirement goals. Extra thought should be given to using 401K or retirement accounts for down payments. Because there is a long term cost for doing so. And that is the cost of lost opportunity. That cost should be carefully weighed.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD  
JANUARY 10, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS  
CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS,  
MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
**Present:** LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-006**

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 3, 2005 as corrected.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain- Crova.  
Motion Carried.

**05-007**

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Attorney Michael Weaver and authorize him to proceed as directed in the case of Snyder vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Roman, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-008**

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to recognize and support the Spring Festival Committee and grants authorization to schedule its first Romulus Downtown Spring Festival in May, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-009**

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to proceed with grant application process with Wayne County for the Rouge River Watershed Grant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-010**

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to authorize the expenditure of \$2,596.00 to Jasper Engines & Transportation for the necessary repairs to Truck #114, 1999 GMC 3500 1-Ton Dump Truck.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-011**

SC. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to retain Neil Silver of Strobl Cunningham & Sharp to provide necessary legal services for the Saterlee Dump Project at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-012**

SD. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to retain AKT/Peerless Environmental Services to provide environmental consulting services for the Operations and Maintenance Plan for the Saterlee Dump Project at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-013**

SE. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to retain Albanese & Lutzke, Inc., to provide services for the tree clearing project for the Saterlee Dump CMI grant project at a cost not to exceed \$30,955.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Groom, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-014**

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of a Appendix A Zoning Amendment #1.200 by the rezoning of 5.01+- acres, DP#82-80-004-99-0001-000, located at 28355 Beverly Road, from M1 (Light Industrial) to MT-2 (Industrial Transportation 2 District), PC-2004-033 introduced at the Council meeting held December 13, 2004 Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-015**

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading final adoption of an Ordinance to amend the official zoning map by the rezoning of 10.41 acres, DP# 82-80-003-99-0041-701, located at 28445 Beverly Road, from M1(Light Industrial) to MT-1 (Industrial Transportation 1 District) PC-2004-034, introduced at the Council meeting held December 13, 2004. Amendment No. 1.201

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-016**

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to approve second reading and final adoption of an finance to amend the official zoning map by rezoning 6.015 acres, DP#82-80-001-99-0008-704 from C-2 (General Business) to M-2 (General Industrial District). Amendment #1.202, PC-2004-035.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-017**

6A4. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a public hearing February 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. for the demolition of certain structure and removal of debris on the following Demolition List 04-02, and to include approval to let bids for a Demolition Contractor:

- 1) 11132 Delano Street - garage
- 2) 36723 Goddard Road - garage
- 3) 29333 Hildebrandt commercial building
- 4) 28275 Smith Road - residential structure
- 5) 28301 Smith Road - residential structure - garage
- 6) 29807 Smith Road - residential structure
- 1) 5876 Wayne Road - converted accessory structure
- 8) 29505 Ecorse - commercial building
- 9) 6416 Wayne Road - commercial building

Roll Call Vote Showing. Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-018**

6A5. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to concur with City Assessor, Julie Albert to schedule a public hearing on February 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing any objections to the proposed street lighting special assessment for the Ponds at Gateway Condominium.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-019**

6A6. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution to be presented to George Goodman, upon his retirement after 22 years as executive director of the Michigan Municipal League.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-020**

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-01 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Nine Cents (\$407,396.99).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Abstain - Crova.  
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda R. Choate, CMC,  
City Clerk

I, Linda R Choate, Clerk for The City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 10, 2005.

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Obituaries

McDIARMID, Phyllis J.

Phyllis J. McDiarmid, 74, of Romulus, died Jan. 13.

Among her survivors are her children, Kenneth A. McDiarmid of Dearborn, Gerald R. McDiarmid, Jr. of Romulus, Shawn A. McDiarmid of Inkster; Phillip J. McDiarmid of Inkster; Keith S. McDiarmid of Taylor, Cheryl ( Daniel) Williams of Monroe and Trina (Robert) Montgomery of Lapeer; brothers, Mike, Bob and Dave Hawley; sisters, Sally Ann Wright of South Fulton TN and Diane (Larry) Janick of Memphis, TN; 23 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McDiarmid was employed with the Romulus Schools District as a para-professional from 1987 until 1993.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SMOLEN, Frank

Frank Smolen, 86, of Van Buren Township, died Jan. 13.

Among his survivors are his children, Gerilyn, Bethany, Kenneth, David and Daryl and siblings, John (Faith) Smolen of Trenton, Joseph (Wilma) Smolen of Roscommon, Clara B. “Bonnie” Ecker of Linwood and Lottie Sinkiewicz of Florida.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

CALDWELL, Estel

Estel Caldwell, 77, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Belleville, died Jan. 11.

Among his survivors are his children, Bertha Ann Sterling of Westland, Kenneth Richard (Margaret) Caldwell of Saginaw, Lyla Mae (Charles) Fabbro of Vasser, Roger Lee (Ruth Ann) Caldwell of Vasser, Brenda Faye Caldwell of Ypsilanti and Debbie Lee (William) Jones of Gibraltar, and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Caldwell served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor John F. Losen officiating.

Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

ENGLISH-ROBINSON, Brenda Ann

Brenda Ann English-Robinson, 42, of Van Buren Township, died Jan. 11.

Among her survivors are her children, Delores English, Nicole English and Kevin English, all of Belleville; brothers, Jerry Moore of Belleville, Lonnie Moore of Tennessee and her twin brother, Brett (Nancy) Moore of Westland; her mother, Dolores Isabella (Komora) Moore of Belleville, and her friend Jimmy Leffler of Belleville.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Jerry Cox officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

GLEASON, Harry D. III

Harry D. Gleason III, 61, of Belleville, also of Lake Leelanua, died Jan. 18.

Among his survivors are his children, Colleen (Steve) Schulte of Brighton, Sean P. (Lori) Gleason of Milan, Timothy Gleason of Pennsylvania and Kate Gleason of California; siblings, Judy, Shirley, Mary, Gary, Robert, Alan, James, Greg and Richard, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Gleason was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Lake Leelanau.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father David Howell officiating.

WICKOWSKI, Lillian T.

Lillian T. Wickowski, 85, of Belleville, died Jan. 22.

Among her survivors are her nieces and nephews, Patricia, Mary Lou, Kathleen, Jeanette, Vincent, David, Rosemary, Frank and Ron and 11 great-nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wickowski was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville and a member of TOPS.

Funeral services were at the David C.

Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

PLEWINSKI, Phyllis

Phyllis Bernice Plewinski, 86, a 22-year resident of Belleville, formerly of Livonia, died Jan. 24.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 66 years, Chester J. Plewinski; children, Daniel Plewinski of Houston, TX, Gail Pabon of Wayne, Gloria Jean Mandziuk of Novi, Arthur Plewinski of Westland and Joseph (Marjorie) Plewinski of Washington; a brother, Irving Manley of Florida; 11 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Plewinski and her husband were the caretakers at a senior home in Livonia, Macknamara Towers II, where they planned and organized many parties. An avid doll collector, Mrs. Plewinski sold her original dolls and doll clothing at the Michigan State Fair.

She was the former president of the Heritage Club in Livonia with whom she enjoyed traveling.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funerl Home in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

CITY OF ROMULUS  
APPENDIX A - ZONING  
AMENDMENT 1.202

An Ordinance to amend the Of Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from C-2 (General Business District) to M-2 (General Industrial District)

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.  
SECTION 1: To rezone 6.015 + acres on the south side of Van Born Road, West of Inkster Road  
DP# 82-80-001-99-0008-704

Legal Description of Parcel  
PT OF NE 1 /4 OF SEC 1 DESC AS BEG S89DEG 52M 35S W 584.95 FT, TH S00DEG 14M 32S W 60 FT FROM THE NE COR OF SEC 1, TH S0DEG 14M 32S W 230 FT TH S48DEG 09M 13S W 357.62 FT, TH S0DEG 00M 30S W 97.25 FT, TH S89DEG 52M 35S W 300 FT TH N0DEG 14M 32S E 565.26 FT, TH N89DEG 52M 35S E 565 FT TO POB 6.02 AC

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an of official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council at the City of Romulus this 10th day of January, 2005.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Counsil Chambers in said City on the 10th day of January, 2005.

Linda R. Choate,  
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
APPENDIX A- ZONING  
AMENDMENT 1.201

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from M- 1 (Light Industrial District) to MT- 1 (Industrial Transportation I District)

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone 10.41 ± acres at 28445 Beverly Road, Suite 100  
DP# 82-80-003-99-0041-701

Legal Description of Parcel  
E 1 /2 OF E 1 /2 OF NE 1 /4 OF SW 1 /4 OF SEC 1 T3S R9E 10.14 AC

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

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# SPORTS

## Smith, Eagles upset Tigers, 80-43

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It wasn't the match-up that everyone thought it would be, especially for the sold-out crowd at Belleville High School when the Romulus Eagles came to town Friday night and took on their Tigers.

It was practically a one-man

show as Romulus senior guard Jarret Smith hit for a season high 31 points en route to an 80-43 victory for the Eagles.

"He showed us his true colors," said Belleville Coach Mike Krogel. "He showed what he is really capable of doing."

The University of Michigan bound Smith was easily the top player on the court, hitting 11 of

14 from the field with a mix of hard drives to the basket and outside shots – including at least one triple in each of the first three quarters.

He was a man possessed – or at least a man looking for a little redemption – after a paltry performance in Tuesday's loss to Birmingham Detroit Country Day. The loss didn't go unnoticed by Belleville fans, either, as they chanted "overrated" when Smith stepped to the free-throw line early in the game.

He quickly silenced the crowd when he scored six consecutive points and made it a 10-point game for the Eagles, 14-4, with about 5:00 left to play in the opening quarter.

For the remaining minutes the spread was never less than eight points and never more than 11. When the quarter ended, it was a 24-14 advantage for Romulus.

Smith opened the second period of play with a deuce and then scored four more in a row, which doubled Belleville's score, 30-15. Geryn Reese nailed a three, which made it a 16-point game, 35-19, and Romulus went in to the locker room leading 40-23.

"When it was 31-17 we stopped them on five possessions in a row," Krogel said. "If we



Jarret Smith hits a jumper in Romulus' 80-43 victory against the Belleville Tigers. He finished with 31 points on the night.



Devin Searcy (32) blocks a Belleville shot in the second half en route to the victory Friday night.

would have cashed in on half of those we would have had a chance. We just didn't capitalize on them. I think that was our opportunity to get in to the game and we just didn't get it done."

Smith and the rest of the Eagles delivered in the third as

well. They scored another 17 to Belleville's 12 and took a 22-point lead before the start of the final quarter.

Romulus continued to drill Belleville in the final frame.

See Eagles, page 11

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# Detroit Pros set to host try outs in Romulus

The International Basketball League's (IBL) Detroit Pros are still looking for a few good players.

Greene Sports & Entertainment, LTD, changed the time of the tryout for the professional basketball team from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Romulus High School, located on Wayne Road.

Registration forms are available at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster on Middle Belt. The cost to try out is \$100 and there is a limit of 50 applicants.

For more information call (313) 205-5520.

Tickets for the Detroit Pros' inter-squad exhibition game, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8 at Romulus High School, are also available at the recreation center for \$2 each.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN Community Development Block Grant Use of Funds

On February 15, 2005, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Van Buren Township will hold the second of two public hearings in order to receive comments from residents of the community on the proposed use of the Township's 2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant funds. The estimated funding level for the 2005-2006 CDBG Budget year is \$127,000.

The CDBG program gives priority to those qualified activities which further national objectives. These objectives are:

- To assist low and moderate-income persons
- To address slum or blight conditions
- To meet a particularly urgent community development need

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall located at 46425 Tyler Road. The following projects are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees:

ADA	\$27,000
Public Services	\$22,800
Youth Services	
Goodfellows Program	
Senior Services	\$51,800
Housing Rehabilitation	\$50,000
Planning	\$12,700
Administration	\$12,700
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$177,000</b>

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

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## CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 2005 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

### Meeting dates are as follows:

	<b>Residential</b>
March 14, 2005:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 15, 2005:	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
	<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>
March 16, 2005:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

### Review is by appointment only

Residents and Non-Residents alike may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals no later than March 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit (current) proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held Monday, February 14, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing eastern time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of this meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for street lighting in the Ponds at Gateway Condominium development.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the February 14, 2005 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, February 14, 2005 in order to reserve your right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

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## CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A- ZONING AMENDMENT 1.200

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from M-1 (Light Industrial) to MT-2 (Industrial Transportation 2 District)

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone a 5.01 ± acre site at 28355 Beverly Road. DP# 82-80-004-99-0001-000

**Legal Description of Parcel**  
W 165FT OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 1 T3S  
R9E  
5.01 AC

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

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Linda R. Choate,  
City Clerk

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# Whalers keep pace with Saginaw in 4-4 tie

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers settled for a 4-4 tie against the Saginaw Spirit at the Saginaw County Event Center Sunday afternoon.

It wasn't an easy one. Plymouth had to play catch-up the entire way and every goal that they scored was just enough to keep the game knotted.

Saginaw's three-goal second period nearly put the game away, but Plymouth's Steve Ward came up with his fourth tally of the season to knot the score at 4 with about 2:00 minutes to play.

A scoreless overtime period left the game tied.

Saginaw earned the first goal from Daniel Borges about five minutes into the game. A little more than five minutes later,

Plymouth's Tim Sestito countered with a mark of his own. Ryan Stephenson and Mike Letizia notched the assists on the play.

The first period ended with a 1-1 tie.

Tom Pyatt opened the second with his first of two goals for a 2-1 game for Saginaw. But Jonas Fiedler knotted things up again for the Whalers at about the 7:32 mark of the period. He received help from Mike Knight and John Mitchell. Pyatt, from Marek Kvapil, put the Spirit ahead again almost three minutes later.

The Whalers answered with Mitchell's 20th goal of the season. Shorthanded, Dan Collins set Mitchell up and he put it by Saginaw goaltender Aaron Rock for the 3-3 tie with less than 2:00 remaining in the frame. With less than a minute left, Jesse

Gimblett knocked one by Whalers' netminder Ryan Nie to regain the lead.

With time ticking dangerously away on a play set up by Mitchell and Collins, Ward tied the game for the final time.

Nie stopped 36 of 40 shots, including overtime play, to keep the Whalers in it.

The 21-20-5-3 Whalers remain at the top of the West division with Sault Ste. Marie close behind in second (20-22-6-1).

## Plymouth 1, Windsor 3

So far the Whalers are winless against the Windsor Spitfires in five meetings this season, which includes a 3-1 loss on Saturday night.

Tim Sestito helped Plymouth jump to an early lead when he scored on a power-play opportunity early in the first period.

But Topping was the deciding

factor in the game as he iced the Whalers the rest of the way.

Spitfire Cal O'Reilly's unassisted goal at about the 1:34 mark of the second period equalized the score, 1-1. Then Mitch Maunu, from Steve Downie and Jason Dixon, slapped one by Nie for what would be considered the winning tally. Brett Liscomb scored the empty-netter for the 3-1 victory. Downie was credited with the lone assist.

Windsor upped their record to 17-22-6-5 for third place in the West division behind Plymouth and Sault Ste Marie, respectively.

## Plymouth 5, Saginaw 0

Unlike the cross-river rivalry with Windsor, the Whalers are unbeaten (4-0) when matched with inter-state rivals the Saginaw Spirit.

On Friday night, Nie had a

huge part in keeping the streak alive. The OHL All-Star goalie stopped 33 shots en route to a 5-0 shutout—his second of the season.

Nie was recently the only Whaler selected to the OHL Western All-Star team.

It takes more than solid goaltending to win a game, though. On offense, John Mitchell recorded a five-point game with two goals and three assists on the night. John Vigilante scored a goal and assisted on three others for a four-point game and Steve Ward added two goals in the victory.

Plymouth only has two games this weekend. They travel to Kitchener to face off against the Rangers tomorrow night before returning home to take on Toronto at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

## CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, February 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment roll for street lighting in the Avalon Meadows Subdivision.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the February 14, 2005 public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, February 14, 2005 in order to reserve your right to protest the amount of the special assessment.

The estimated special assessment for street lighting for each lot in the Avalon Meadows Subdivision is \$47.55 each year for energy costs.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

Publish: February 3, 2005

## CITY OF ROMULUS REQUESTS TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS RFP 04/05-22 COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

The City of Romulus Michigan is seeking to enter into a one-year contract for pricing for computer hardware and for repair and maintenance services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit proposals must do so on forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: [Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us)

(2) Responses to the RFP must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00 AM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005. At that time said proposals would be publicly opened and read.

### RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
RFP 04/05-22 - COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 04/05-21 Romulus Golf Park Project

The City of Romulus, Community Development Department is soliciting Statements of Qualifications and Proposals from firms qualified in providing professional services for the development of the Wick landfill site (a.k.a. "Romulus Golf Park Project").

The project shall include:

- Site preparation
- Site Clearing
- Grading
- Methane ventilation system installation
- Site Grassing (seeding)

Additional information or complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from Lynn Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Coordinator at (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us).

Sealed Statements and Proposals will be received until 10:00a.m. EDT, February 23, 2005(no exceptions).

Statements should be submitted to:

City of Romulus Clerk's Office  
RFP 04/05-21 Romulus Golf Park Project  
11111 Wayne Road  
Romulus, MI 48174

The City of Romulus reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS REQUESTS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 04/05-20 Professional Engineering Services, Rouge Grant Project

The City of Romulus, Department of Public Works is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from firms qualified in providing professional Engineering Services in support of:

Round VI-A Rouge Program Office Grant Funded Project  
(Minimizing Clear Water Flow in the Sanitary System)

Additional information or complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from Lynn Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Coordinator at (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us).

Sealed Statements will be received until 3:00 p.m. EDT, February 16, 2005(no exceptions).

Statements should be submitted to:

City of Romulus Clerk's Office  
04/05-20 Professional Engineering Services, Rouge Grant Project  
11111 Wayne Road  
Romulus MI 48174

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# Chiefs wrangle Mustangs, 55-44

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye saw his team do something against Northville on Friday he hasn't seen them do too often this season: play consistently. It paid off for the team in a 55-44 victory. "We pretty much controlled the game from the start," he said. "We were consistent in all four quarters. We controlled the boards, shot well and we really moved the ball well. It was a much better game for us."

He also said they only committed 10 turnovers in the game – they averaged nearly twice that during the first half of the season.

On the other side of the court, Northville struggled to find the hoop. "We had a terrible night shooting," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher. "I feel good the kids battled back when we were down 17 early in the third quarter."

Northville brought it to within six points of Canton with about a minute left in the fourth. But they missed a shot, Canton recovered, scored – and drew the foul for a three-point play, Schumacher said. From there, it was a foul situation the rest of the way out.

The Chiefs took an early 13-9 lead after one quarter and extended it to a 23-16 advantage at the halfway mark. Canton kicked it up a notch in the third and outscored Northville, 18-10, to increase their lead, 41-26.

Northville put together their best offensive effort in the fourth but it was too little, too late for the 'Stangs. They scored 18 in the final quarter to Canton's 14 but Canton walked out the winner, 55-44.

David Calille led Canton with 19 points. Kevin Thornton recorded a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. He also

blocked eight shots. Ryan Waidmann and Steve Paye stepped in for Julian Smith, who recently departed for prep school in New York, and combined for 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Chris Lorente scored 14 for Northville and Alvin Storrs hit for 12.

Northville (5-8) takes on Salem tomorrow night at home.

**Canton 38, John Glenn 42**

Although Canton led for more than three quarters against Westland John Glenn last Tuesday night, the Rockets pulled ahead in the fourth quarter and secured the 42-38 victory.

Canton shot to a 12-7 lead after the opening frame. They doubled their points in the second for a 24-16 advantage.

The Rockets closed in on the Chiefs in the third with an 11-7 session but Canton still maintained the lead, 31-27.

Then the Rockets had a strong fourth. They scored 15 points in the final eight minutes and held Canton to just seven for the victory.

"We were in control for most of the game; we just couldn't score," Paye said. "We only made four baskets in the entire second half."

Paye liked the defensive efforts of the team, though. They held Glenn to 42 points and their top player, Barry Eberhardt, to 15, with a majority of those in the first half, he said.

"It all comes down to not shooting the ball real well," he said. "The kids are struggling and they know that. We're just waiting for that one breakout game where all three of our guards start scoring."

Andy Cortellini led Canton with 14 and Callille added 11.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT ELECTION  
FEBRUARY 22, 2005

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Special Lincoln Consolidated Schools District Election will be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

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Charter Township of Van Buren	November 6, 2001	1.5 mill	2005 thru 2010
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Lincoln Consolidated School District	June 13, 1994	18 mills	2005 thru 2013

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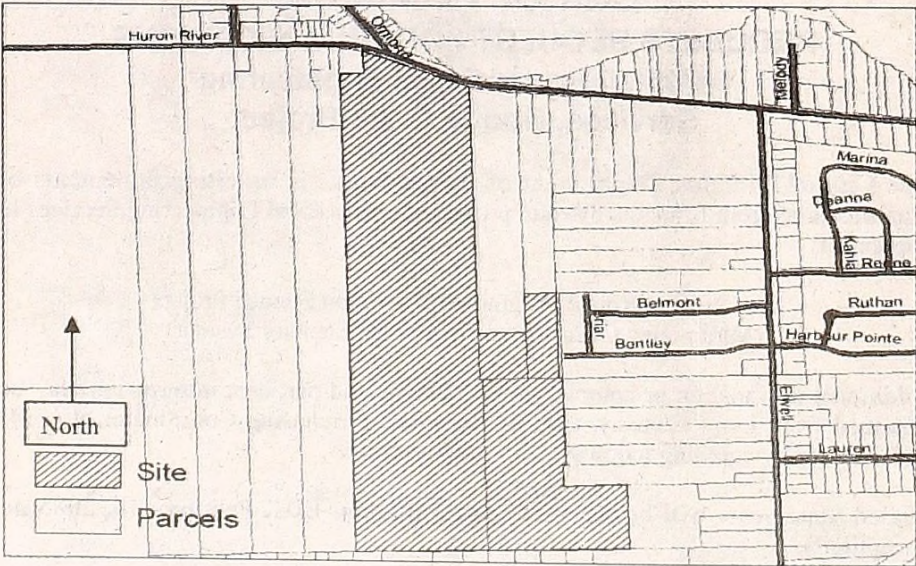
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Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday February 9, 2005** at 7:30 p.m. to consider Special Use for PRD (Planned Residential Development) on the following described property. Parcel number V125-83-113-99-0025-002 and V125-83-116-99-0001-707 approximately 94.58 acres is located on the south side of West Huron River Drive between Elwell Road and Hoeft Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) per Section 7.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., February 9, 2004, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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# THE SCENE

## Director's brilliance is showcased in HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS

Finally, after a limited release in Los Angeles and New York in early December, *House of Flying Daggers* finally hit theaters in Michigan last weekend.

I can't exactly say it was worth the wait but Zhang Yimou, the director that brought us the incredibly beautiful *Hero* last summer, maintains his aesthetically gorgeous style that captivates and mesmerizes.

Although Yimou's style is unmatched in China and here in the States, there is a lot to be said about the actual story.

In *Hero*, style, cinematography, and choreography were devices that enhanced the story and moved the twisting plot forward—they were like carrots hanging in front of hungry mule or Twizzlers in front of a hungry audience driving them forward, making them want more.

In *House of Flying Daggers*, art and beauty overpowers the storyline and leaves it dangling from the rafters for the audience to try and grasp it or discard it and move on.

Don't get me wrong, beautiful and meaningful direction is a rarity these days—and, in this instance, Yimou has a flair to turn intimacy into a grand opera of flying daggers, bamboo and silk—but that can only take you so far if the true significance of the story is lost.

Once the top layers of action, splendor and deceit are peeled away the true nature of the film, love, is finally exposed. At the heart of the spectacular entertainment is what could have been a very moving love story between three people. But what starts out as an explosive, action-packed Kung-Fu movie, tapers down to a long, drawn-out fizzle of a love tale.

The triangle is exposed too late for the audience to become involved and to care what happens as the three come to near Shakespearean conclusions (think of a cross between *Romeo & Juliet* and *Othello*).

The film, set during the decline of the powerful Tang Dynasty, takes on the fore-story of classical martial arts masterpieces—two opposing forces, a corrupt government and a group of insurgent assassins known as the *House of Flying Daggers*, battle each other.

Zhang Ziyi, the beauty from *Hero* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, plays Mei, a blind courtesan who is suspected of not only being a member of the *House of Flying Daggers* but the daughter of the former leader of the faction as well.

She is followed by two captains of the government police force, the tough Leo (Andy Lau) and the playboy Jin (Takeshi Kaneshiro) who hope to follow her to the new leader of the group.

From there, the plot more or less winds and bends rather than twists and turns into a love story between the three.

The fight scenes, from the "echo game" to the final snowstorm battle, are spectacular. And the scenery, from the regular forest with brightly colored foliage to the green-hued and foggy bamboo forest to the field of wild flowers, is breathtakingly picturesque.

However, action takes a back seat to love in the final 30 minutes of the film, which feels more like an hour with all of the silence and longing looks that leads to an unsatisfying end.

But maybe I was too quick to judge.

Maybe Chinese filmmaking and storytelling is still somewhat foreign to us. Perhaps a yearning gaze and agonizing moments of silence are more truthful of love and human nature than the more frequently seen quick American romp in the sack.

Nonetheless, the imagery is far more overpowering than the story in the case of *House of Flying Daggers*. Those looking for *Hero*-ic story telling will be disappointed but those looking for cinematic brilliance will find plenty to love.

Reviewed By  
Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

## Real story is 'it' in Hide and Seek

Ever since the phrase, "I see dead people," greeted theater-going masses, every director, producer and studio has attempted to craft – and audiences hoped to see – the next *Sixth Sense*.

However unsuccessful prior attempts have been, the newly-released *Hide and Seek* is as close as it comes to matching the suspenseful thriller.

It's a shame that everything new is expected to meet the standards of proceeding works, especially when films such as *Sixth Sense* have set the bar so high. As hard as director John Polson tries, *Hide and Seek* fails to deliver. He does, however, do a remarkable job sidestepping the incredible work of a stellar cast – Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning, Famke Janssen, Elisabeth Shue and Dylan Baker. All Polson really had to do was turn the lights off, start up the cameras and let the cast do the rest.

As great an actor as De Niro is, he is outstaged by the extremely talented – and in this instance, very eerie – Fanning.

He plays David Callaway, a psychologist in New York, whose family is torn apart when his wife Alison (Amy Irving) commits suicide. His daughter, Emily (Fanning), witnesses her father hovering over her mother's body in tub a overflowing with blood, hurling her into a state of shock. The wide-eyed Emily is never the same from that instant.

Reviewed By  
Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Young Emily Callaway (Dakota Fanning, on stairs) is questioned by her father David (Robert De Niro, left) and Sheriff Hafferty (Dylan Baker), about strange occurrences in the Caldwell home.

David and Emily move upstate to the country in hopes that the relocation will help her recover from the tragedy. However, the move has an adverse effect as things only get worse for the two when they realize not all is well in the small town. But whenever creepy woods and a big, empty house are involved, things never go right.

Once the ever-lurking, suspicious next-door neigh-

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# THE SCENE

## Hide - Movie provides eerie suspense without real plot, but actors' performances are flawless

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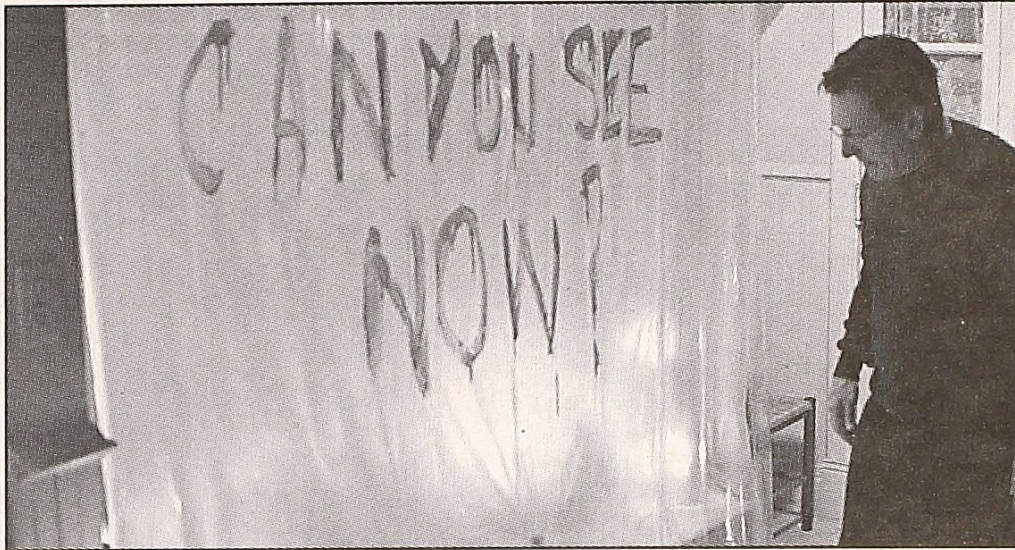
bors (Robert John Burke and Melissa Leo), the creepy Realtor, the off-kilter sheriff (Dylan Baker), and local Elizabeth (Shue) are introduced, along with David's former student (Janssen), audiences are left guessing who Emily's 'imaginary friend' Charlie really is.

After Emily befriends Charlie things go extremely awry. Every morning at 2:06 David wakes up to find the bathtub full of water – and sometimes other surprises – along with sinister writings on the wall. All Emily can say is that it was Charlie.

Remember the early days of De Niro as characters such as the young Vincent Corleone, Travis Bickle and Jake De Motta and in movies such as *Casino*, *The Untouchables* and *Goodfellas* where he would have taken a schmuck named Charlie and busted his kneecaps with a baseball bat? Not here, somewhere along the line De Niro lost the tough-guy routine. We can probably blame such movies as *Meet the Parents*, *Meet the Fockers*, *Analyze This* and *Analyze That*, which are all good movies but are mere caricatures of his gangster persona.

One of the more memorable scenes, after Emily is questioned about the tub and the writing on the wall, she repeatedly yells "Charlie" as if beckoning for his help. It's half expected that some crazed demon will leap out of the shadows and gobble up De Niro, but it doesn't. But, then again, that's how the entire movie goes: scene after suspenseful scene with nothing really happening.

After the pieces begin to fall in place it's not too difficult or satisfying to figure out who Charlie is before Polson reveals it. And if you can't figure it out it's even less gratifying when the truth is exposed. The end is actually passé and cliché and will leave filmgoers with a 'sense' of yearning.



David Callaway (Robert De Niro) gazes at an ominous query... that may or may not have been left by his daughter's new, "imaginary" friend.

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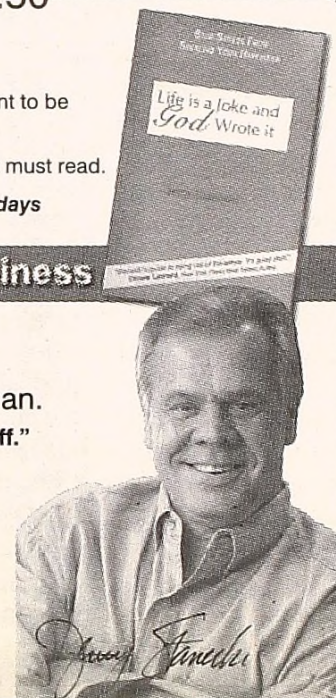
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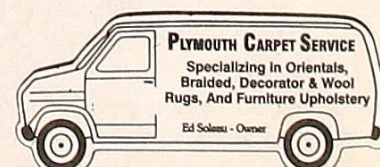
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## THE SCENE

## Northville woman writes of real life in Iran

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Even as a child growing up in Iran, Vageehe Steele was a little different than her neighbors—she enjoyed comforts and conveniences from around the world without thinking too much about it.

During the years, however, the same westernized views that made such a childhood possible also placed her in a unique position to observe the changing political and social climate of the nation. Now, the Northville Township resident has published her memoirs, which focus on the changes she witnessed as a child and young woman coming of age amid social turmoil.

It was a position brought about in part by her father, who had graduated from an American missionary school and later went on to college. Though he dreamt as a young man of seeing the world outside Iran, his plans to leave the country were given up when, at the request of his mother, he married Steele's mother. He remained in Iran and brought the best innovations from both Iran and the rest of the world into the family home. While her family was different from their neighbors in that they had adopted a number of innovations well before their peers—including an in-ground sprinkler system by 1928—Steele said as a child, she and her siblings hadn't really noticed the difference.

"Before going to school, it was nice," she said. "We had tricycles made in America and toys made in Germany. We had things no one else had at the time."

All of that changed when she was 7 years old. Because of his beliefs, her father asked her not to veil her face—despite the customs of the area—and, in doing so, alienated her

from her neighbors. Even her relatives were concerned. One of her uncles asked if it was a matter of cost, afraid that her face was unveiled because her father couldn't afford anything with which to cover it. Mocked by her peers and reviled by her neighbors—who told her family not to bring her to their house unveiled—just walking through the streets on basic errands was a scary, and sometimes physically painful, experience.

"I went, one day, to give my aunt a gift, and some woman followed me," said Steele. The grown woman tormented the young girl about her bare face and seemed to relish hitting her to punish her for her behavior. She added that it was not the first—or last—time she had had such a problem.

Though she was sometimes angry with her father for not permitting her to veil her face, she said that in time she became accustomed to the response. There was no looking back for her, and at the age of 14, Steele took on the role of crusader, speaking out about the necessity of freedom for women and their equality with men. Even after the Reza Shah had abolished the wearing of the veil and the problems became less pronounced, Steele said that she remained disenchanted by the society that had called for such a response.

Years later, as she waited for her opportunity to emigrate, she married a Muslim man who had been a classmate of the late Shah. Formerly a member of the nation's military, her husband left the service in order to receive her father's permission to marry her. After his marriage, her husband took a relatively high-ranking position within the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that took him and Steele to foreign embassies and the palaces of the Shah. Despite the interesting and important

people the position allowed her to meet, she said that the marriage eventually broke up because of her husband's infidelities.

She remarried, but that marriage seemed doomed as well.

"I came to the U.S. all alone with only my little boy—he was 14 months old at the time—and \$28 in my pocket," she said.

Steele entered into her third marriage—with Charles Robert Steele—in 1974. She had a son from each of her previous marriages.

"He knew my past and he insisted that I should write my memoirs," she said. "At the time, I was just sort of fiddling around. After he died, I really threw myself into the work."

Within two years, Steele had completed two books, the first of which looked at her life

up through the demise of her first marriage.

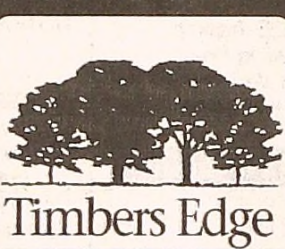
"I wanted to let Americans know how Iranians feel," she said. "I am not really interpreting politics, but I am going through how it happened."

The book, IRAN:

Parade of Veils, is available online at [www.publishamerica.com/books/6718](http://www.publishamerica.com/books/6718) or by special order from most bookstores for \$16.95. The second volume, dealing with her later years, is in the works, though no publication date has been set.

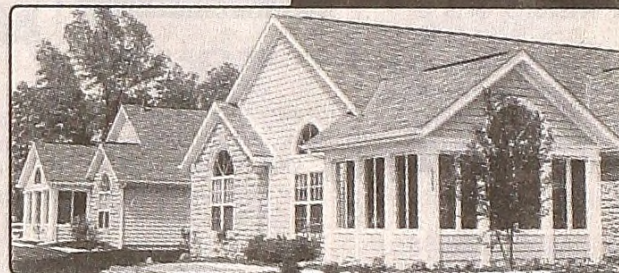


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G-3-Delbert Ritter: Furniture, Model airplane, Doll house, Golf clubs & bag, boxes, photography equipment

D-34-Mae Lackey: Furniture, Maytag washer & dryer, Boxes, Toys, Steam vac, Clothes

I-14-Jason Todd: Furniture, Boxes, TV, Fishing poles, Exercise gazelle, Tools

F-18-Donna Szostkowski: Furniture, Guitar, Boxes

F-26-B. Alfred Tavo: Furniture, Boxes, TV, Clocks, Radio, Video cassette recorder-10/31- Patricia Russell: Furniture, Bike, Boxes, Weedeater, Vacuum, Toys

I-25-Gary Sava: Boxes, Stove, Tool box, Refrigerator, Tools, Ladder, Saw

J-30-James Lewis: Furniture, Boxes

J-40-Daniel Cottrell: Speakers, TV, 8 Track stereo, Weights, Inline skates

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On FEBRUARY 8, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1989 Pontiac Bonneville  
2 Dr White  
1G2HX51T2KW283848

1994 Ford Escort  
4 Dr Burgundy  
1FARP14J5RW143067

1992 Olds 88  
4 Dr Blue  
1G3HN53L1NH305782

1987 Ford T-Bird  
2 Dr Black  
1FABP61F8HH174055

1989 Pontiac Sunbird  
2 Dr Blue  
1G2JB11K2K7610601

1991 Plymouth Voyager  
Stwgn Burgundy  
2P4GH25K0MR242811

1986 Cadillac Cimarron  
4 Dr Blue  
1G6JG69W8GJ515779

1991 Chevy Blazer  
Stwgn White  
1GNCT18Z9M0197535

1988 Chevy Cavalier  
4 Dr Burgundy  
1G1JC5119J7150299

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1994 Chevy Lumina  
4 Dr White  
1G1WN52M7S1115297

1993 Chevy Van  
Gray  
1GBEG25K1PF344326

1989 Dodge Aries  
4 Dr Maroon  
3B3BK46D3KT007326

1994 Ford Aerostar  
Van Blue  
1FTDA14U7RZB42078

1996 Chevy Lumina  
4 Dr Blue  
2G1WN52MXT1132578

1986 Ford Taurus  
Stwgn Blue  
1FABP30U5GG257994

1990 Ford Mustang  
2 Dr White  
1FACP41A0LF207695

1999 Ford Taurus  
4 Dr Gray  
1FAPP53SXXG227882

2000 Pontiac GrandAm

4 Dr Black  
1G2NV52E1YM763635

1991 Ford Escort  
4 Dr Blue  
1FAPP14J6MW375144

1992 Dodge Stwgn  
Gray  
2B6HB21Y1NK147029  
1985 Buick 2 Dr  
Gray  
1G4EZ57Y9FE426779

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be

deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

### 30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after MARCH 5, 2005 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

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